

# American LaMancha Breeders Association

## 4th Quarter 2022 Newsletter

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*Holiday Issue*



**May you and your family have a very blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**

### **Gift of the Old One**

*The young couple had made their usual hurried, pre-Christmas visit to the little farm where dwelt their elderly parents with their small herd of goats. The farm had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine which topped the hill behind the farm, and through the years had become a talisman to the old man and his wife, and a landmark in the countryside. The old folks no longer showed their goats, for the years had taken their toll, but they sold a little milk, and a few kids each year, and the goats were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end.*

*Crossly, as they prepared to leave, the young couple confronted the old folks, "Why do you not at least dispose of "The Old One". She is no longer of use to use. It's been years since you've had either kids or milk from her. You should cut corners and save where you can. Why do you keep her anyway?" The old man looked down as his worn boot scuffed at the barn floor and his arm stole defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her to him and rubbed her gently behind her ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Only because of love." Baffled and irritated, the young folks wished the old man and his wife a Merry Christmas and headed back toward the city as darkness stole through the valley. So it was, that because of the leave taking, no one noticed the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. None saw the first spark fall. None but the "Old One."*

*In a matter of minutes, the whole barn was ablaze and the hungry flames were licking at the loft full of hay. With a cry of horror and despair, the old man shout-*

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#### **Upcoming Dates :**

- **Dec 31—Specialty Apps deadline**
- **December 10—Deadline for All American Entries**
- **December 31—Memberships due-end of 2 yr special**
- **February 5— Deadline for 1st quarter newsletter**

**Mission Statement: The American LaMancha club was organized for the purpose of promotion and development of the LaMancha breed. We aim to cooperate with all other organizations in the promotion of dairy goats in general.**

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## ALBA Committee Appointments

The American LaMancha Breeders Assn. is privileged to have many enthusiastic people working together to benefit the club and the breed. If you would like to contribute your time and knowledge to any of our committees, please contact the president. We value your input! Committee members must be current with membership dues.

**All-American Committee:**

**Chair:** Willow Olson, [meditation.chik@gmail.com](mailto:meditation.chik@gmail.com)

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*Committee responsible for receiving and preparing All American entries, contacts and lines up judges to judge All-American, prepares entries for judging and mails them to judges. Prepares a list of awards to be purchased by Awards Acquisitionist and sends list of winner to be printed on cer-*

*tificates by whomever is in charge of ALC Certificate printer. Sends out results and awards to entrants, sends results by email to webmaster and newsletter editor. Submits photos and results to Dairy Goat Journal and United Caprine News for publication. Works with committee members to suggest changes as needed to program and submits proposals to ALC BOD. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting in October and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

**Awards/Youth Committee:****Chair:** Kassie Dwyer, [lovemoo11@gmail.com](mailto:lovemoo11@gmail.com)**Members:** Pam Hogan, [FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net](mailto:FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net)

*Committee coordinates the distribution of information, solicitation of nominations, selection of recipients and the awards presentations of present ALBA awards including: The Bob Webb Scholarship, Ray Engeman Scholarship and the American LaMancha Breeders Association Herd Achievement Award. Works as a committee to develop and present to the BOD and members new awards to support, recognize and honor the LaMancha breed and its breeders. Requests needed awards and certificates through the Awards Acquisitionist. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting and updates BOD throughout the year as needed. This committee is also responsible for coordinating youth awards as needed with other committees.*

**Awards Acquisitionist & Display Chair:****Chair:** Deb Macke, [raintree.lamancha@gmail.com](mailto:raintree.lamancha@gmail.com)

*Person designated responsible for networking with standing committee Chairs to provide economical and appealing awards, in accordance with the annual ALBA Budget, for all ALBA deserving program participants. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

**Breed Standards Committee:****Chair:****Members:** Krista Myers, [kastdemurs@gmail.com](mailto:kastdemurs@gmail.com)

*Committee responsible for monitoring and working with ADGA on the current and future LaMancha breed standards. Duties include discussion of breed standard issues, possible change to breed standard, submitting polls for membership if called for and working directly with the ADGA Breed Standards committee. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting,, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

**Communications Committee:****Newsletter Editor/Website Coordinator**Deb Macke [raintree.lamancha@gmail.com](mailto:raintree.lamancha@gmail.com)**Facebook Editor**Lorene Toth, [vltoth@att.net](mailto:vltoth@att.net)

*Committee responsible for overseeing newsletter and website as well as communication to members which may include posting updates on social media formats. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting , and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

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*Committee responsible for enforcing the ALBA constitution and bylaws. Duties include making sure C & BL is followed by officers, directors and members and working with members to make changes to C & BL when appropriate. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

**Fundraising/Raffle Committee:****Chair:****Members:** Pam Hogan, [FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net](mailto:FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net)

*Committee responsible for fundraising to support the ALBA and its business. Duties include the T-shirts, raffle, soliciting donations via whatever media route available, from breeders and companies, submitting donation information to newsletter and website for promotion, preparing items for display at Convention/National Show and with help from member volunteers, oversee the raffle, selling tickets and conducting the physical raffle at Convention. Will package and ship raffle items when necessary and prepare a statement of raffle winners for newsletter and website. Will develop additional fundraising possibilities throughout the year. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*



### **History Committee:**

#### **Chair:**

**Members:** Pam Hogan, [FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net](mailto:FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net)  
*Committee responsible for keeping a complete record of ALBA History. Duties include maintaining copies of past and present newsletters, photographs of historical value to the breed, newspaper clippings, AL BA program results and compiling scrapbooks that can be used at National Show and Convention. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting,, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD*

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**Chair:** Abby Bunde, [bundea@hotmail.com](mailto:bundea@hotmail.com)

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*Committee responsible for procuring candidates to run for officers and BOD. Duties include promoting open positions and upcoming elections, providing ballot information to the newsletter editor to be posted online for voting as spelled out in the C & BL's, receiving voting results and verifying membership status, tallying voting results, notifying candidates of results and announcing results to the membership. Submit annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

### **Production Committee:**

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*Committee responsible for overseeing and supervising the ALBA production and dam-sire award programs. Duties include promoting and receiving entries, verifying that entries qualify for said production awards, preparing a list of awards and submitting results to newsletter editor, webmaster, and dairy goat publications in a timely fashion. Also responsible for receiving entries for Youth Production Honor roll and sending out awards as well as monitoring list of Breed Leader does owned by ALBA members and ordering and sending out Production medals to those recipients with appropriate certificates. Chair maintains contact with committee members throughout the year to discuss program and recommend changes as needed to the BOD for approval. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting,, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

### **Specialty Committee:**

**Chair:** Lorene Toth, [vltoth@att.net](mailto:vltoth@att.net)

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*Committee responsible for overseeing and administering ALBA Specialty Shows. Duties include promoting the program, receiving applications and verifying shows fitness to hold a specialty, preparing a list of awards to be ordered by awards acquisition designed, preparing list of certificates to be printed by ALBA printer possessor, packaging and shipping entire specialty program awards and certificates as well as any additional correspondence with local specialty chairs, receiving specialty results and preparing photos and results for submission to newsletter editor and webmaster, keeping track of timeline for results and submitting request for payment refunds to S/T. Chair will be in contact with committee members to choose approved shows and for discussion of changes to program to submit to BOD for approval. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.*

### **Newsletter is published quarterly:**

**1st Q (Feb, March, April) on Feb 5**

**2nd Q (May, June, July) on May 5**

**3rd Q (Aug, Sept, Oct) on Aug 5**

**4th Q (Nov, Dec, Jan) on Nov 5**

**Deadlines for submissions are the 1st of the month in**

***The ALBA newsletter will be sent out via email to all members unless member does not have an email address. We have also added a Members Only link on the website where the newsletter can be downloaded with a password which is also sent by email with your newsletter. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL CURRENT WITH THE CLUB!!***

***ALBA membership runs Jan 1 through Dec 31***

**We need YOU!!!**



**to volunteer to serve on committees!!!!**



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ed to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save their beloved goats. But the flames were roaring now, and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury. By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife. They thanked those who had come to their aid, and the old man turned to his wife, resting her white head upon his shoulders as he clumsily dried her tears with a frayed red bandana.

Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but God has spared our home on this eve of Christmas. Let us, therefore, climb the hill to the old pine where we have sought comfort in times of despair. We will look down upon our home and give thanks to God that it has been spared." And so, he took her by the hand and helped her up the snowy hill as he brushed aside his own tears with the back of his hand. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they looked up and gasped in amazement at the incredible beauty before them.

Seemingly, every glorious, brilliant star in the heavens was caught up in the glittering, snow-frosted branches of their beloved pine, and it was aglow with heavenly candles. And poised on its top most bough, a crystal crescent moon glistened like spun glass. Never had a mere mortal created such a Christmas tree such as this. Suddenly, the old man gave a cry of wonder and incredible joy as he pulled his wife forward. There, beneath the tree, was their Christmas gift.

Bedded down about the "Old One", close to the trunk of the tree, was the entire herd, safe. At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the goats through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill, stepping daintily through the snow. The kids were frightened and dashed about. The skittish yearlings looked back at the crackling, hungry flames, and tucked their tails under them as they licked their lips and hopped like rabbits. The milkers pressed uneasily against the "Old One" as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine.

And now, she lay among them and gazed at the faces of those she loved. Her body was brittle with years, but the golden eyes were filled with devotion as she offered her gift—Because of Love.

Only Because of Love.

By Eunice "Pixie" Day, Washington, ME

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# New Plan for 2023!! Highlight your herd!

As we will soon head into 2023, the ALBA Board of Directors is looking for new ways to highlight and promote our member herds. One of the ideas is to highlight a member herd each week on Facebook and in our newsletter.

We are looking for herds that are willing to be featured on our club Facebook page and in the newsletter. You don't have to be a big, well known herd...you just need to raise LaManchas and be willing to send us a short bio of your herd and herd goals along with some pics.

Please submit all info to [lamanchabreeders@gmail.com](mailto:lamanchabreeders@gmail.com)...we hope to kick off this new program the first week of January and all herds featured on our FB page will be in the running to be featured in the 1st quarter newsletter!



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## Welcome New ALBA Members!

*Youth Members in Red*

**Amber Guisti**

G2F

Petaluma, CA

**Shaelyn Toreson**

Heartwood Haven

Crescent City, CA

Lee Allen Breyer

Lee's Bees

Gurley, AL

Melvin Stoltzfus

Chestnut Feedery

Bradford, PA

Pam Kroll

Kroll's Hilly Acres

Sioux City, IA

**Sonya Shields**

Cerberus Dairy

Goldendale, WA

Nikki Laffoon

Winds of Wea

Lafayette, IN

Miguel Medina

Isleno Farm

Isabella, Puerto Rico



## ALC Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Pam Hogan ~ ALBA Secretary-Treasurer

### Balances as of November 27, 2022

Checking Account 932.02

PayPal Account 5222.89

Total in all accounts: \$6154.91

### Board of Director Action this quarter

10/30/22: Offer a 2023 membership special of 2 years for \$25 which would include a free business card in newsletter and on website. To be offered 9/1/22-12/31/22

Yes: 6 No: 0

Time to renew your membership for 2023....please use renewal buttons at

[www.lamanchas.org](http://www.lamanchas.org)

2023 SPECIAL ends 12/31/22

Join or renew for 2 years for \$25.00

Plus a free business card ad in newsletter and on website.

If you don't have a business card, we will design something for you!





## 2022 SUMMARY of BOARD ACTIONS, American Dairy Goat Association, Syracuse, NY

### Annual Meeting

Approved funding for honoree tickets to attend Pioneer Program award event ticket (1+) beginning 2022.

### Annual Meeting Long Range

Accepted bid from WDGA to have 2024 Annual Meeting and Convention at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva Wisconsin, October 19-24

### Awards

Accepted two historic herds: Perfection – Sally & Gordon Callahan and Rockspring – Ann Miller Weikel

### Constitution and By-laws

Constitution amendment requested to forward to the membership on electronic voting in elections. Bylaw changes were accepted contingent upon the outcome of the vote on the constitutional changes.

Constitution amendment requested to forward to the membership on verbiage regarding the changes from Secretary-Treasurer or Association Manager to Executive Director. Bylaw changes were accepted contingent upon the outcome of the vote on the constitutional changes.

### Emergency Management Task Force

Approved the hiring of a full time Senior Accountant and a full time Project Manager and acceptance of the organization restructuring plan

### Finance

- Approved engaging a management consulting service for a maximum of 90 days
- Approved additional EC travel to Spindale
- Approved providing the authority to review and approve the 2021 tax return to be filed with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service by the November 15, 2022 due date.
- Approved the authority to pursue financing options giving designated members of the EC signatory authority
- Approved the authority to provide access to financial records by appropriate individuals
- Approved authority to obtain appropriate legal representation
- Approved authority to the President be added to financial accounts until a permanent administrative manager is hired.
- Approved that both President and PPM are bonded by insurance for their financial responsibilities.
- Approved staff increases both retroactive to mid-2022 and for 2023 as well as compensation for any extra duties until a permanent administrative manager is hired.

- Approved to suspend the 50 cent per transfer funding to the ADGA Research Foundation for unless the association reflects a profit.
- Approved increasing membership rates by \$15 for all levels except youth. Increase youth \$10. Provide hard copy of directory and guidebook.
- Approved the increase in linear appraisal minimum stop fee from \$350 to \$400.
- Approved the increase in mail-in registration fees. Member rates: Does < 30 months \$15, Does > 30 months \$20, Bucks < 24 months \$20, Bucks > 24 months \$35, AGS/BGS/CGS, GGBaA \$20. Non-member rates to be twice that of member rates.
- Approved renewal of cooperative agreement with adgagenetics.org for 2023.

#### **Genetic Advancement**

- Delayed mandatory DNA program roll out until Jan 1, 2024
- Approved Guidelines for timely resolution and reporting of parentage exclusions
- Approved providing Casein, G6S, and Scrapie data to adgagenetics.org.

#### **ID Task Force**

Approved that judges, appraisers, DHI supervisors and those involved with verifying the identity of the animal may disregard an E or ET tattoo in left ear or tail when designating the presence of an EID/RFID if not reported on the papers.

#### **Information Management**

- Approved a NG system code review
- Approved contracting a software developer

#### **Judges Training Assessment & Licensing**

- Approved an extension for a judge
- Approved the allowance of short leads in the showmanship scorecard

#### **Linear Appraisal**

- 2022 changes to the LA program will continue in 2023
- Scores previously recorded "+" will be revised to "G", Scores entered "G" during 2022 will be entered as "A"
- Changes to Miscellaneous codes related to shoulder assembly reorganized
- Code added for Carpal hyperextension
- Approved changes to Udder depth scale
- Approved revisions to the Standard Operating Procedures regarding assessment and high score verification procedure.
- Financial assistance approved for invited candidates to training sessions
- Approved Miscellaneous codes for extremes of Body Condition
- Approved Miscellaneous codes related to those animals that can be evaluated but should not be included into genetic evaluations
- Approved to eliminate youngstock program
- Approved cost of having CDCB incorporate the seven years of teat length data into our type evaluations.



## National Show

- Allow the Sable breed another year to meet eligibility requirements for exhibition
- Approved submission dates for NS rules and budget
- Youth for Quality Care of Animals program completion to be required starting at the 2023 National Show
- Remove the milk out from the national show.
- National Show judge voting tally not be released to the directors or the membership until after the committee has made the 6<sup>th</sup> selection

### National Show Long Range

Approve Kentucky Expo center for the July 14-20, 2024

### Production Testing

Approved change to Nigerian Dwarf butterfat minimum requirements for AR \*M

### Publicity/Promotional/Educational

Approved National Show calendar pilot project

### Registration

- Approved rearranging of wording for breeds
- Permanently removed NOP which had been suspended in 2013
- Extended Stamped Duplicate until December 31, 2023

### Reproductive Technology

Approved clarifications in the interim clone policy along with a stamped duplicate option

### Shows

- Clarified and Expanded the types of communication that may be used to notify the ADGA office of changes in show chair and judge.
- Authorized a stern letter of concern to a show chair

### Type Committee

Approved language changes in the Evaluation of defects to streamline, clarify and create consistency with the scorecard and linear appraisal program.



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# Recipe Corner

## Festive Goat Cheese Christmas Present Appetizers

### Ingredients:

12 rice crackers

3 chives

4 oz herbed goat cheese

2 oz curly parsley leaves

12 pink peppercorns

### Equipment:

1 1/2" square cookie cutter

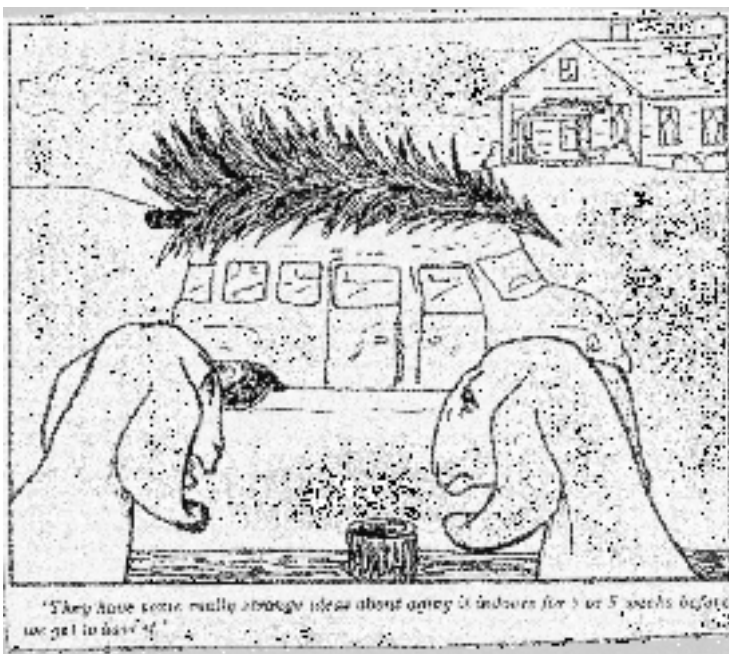
small spoon

kitchen scissors

toothpick

### Directions:

1. Place a 1 1/2" square cookie cutter in the center of a rice cracker. Spoon about 1 1/2 tsp herbed goat cheese onto the cookie cutter, and evenly fill it to the sides.
2. Use a small spoon or a finger to press and gently ease the cookie cutter up, leaving a nice goat cheese square.
3. Use kitchen scissors to cut a chive into 2 pieces that are the length of the square. Lay one down in the center and cut one of them in half, and place on the sides to make a cross.
4. Carefully, stock a teeny, tiny bit of goat cheese to a pink peppercorn.
5. Place the peppercorn in the center of the chive "ribbon." It will stick easier than you think it will.
6. Add 2 teeny, tiny parley leaves on the sides. I find it's helpful to use a toothpick or cocktail pin to press them into the cheese Reprinted from <http://shekeepsalovelyhome.com>




A very old cartoons reprinted from the Minnesota Gopher Goat Gossip  
Circa 1980's

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# The Youth Corner

## READING an ADGA PERFORMANCE PEDIGREE Guide to Abbreviations & Symbols

- \*B** Stars on bucks are earned by virtue of parents with production records meeting ADGA minimums
- +B** Plususes on bucks are earned by virtue of offspring meeting ADGA requirements
- ST** **ST**ar Volume – meeting minimum requirements from one-day tests, Owner Sampler DHIR, or on the basis of pedigree or progeny
- AR** **AR**vanced **R**egistry Volume – meeting minimum requirements through Dairy Herd Improvement programs
- 2\*M** Two Star Milker - Second successive generation of a doe line that has earned a star based on minimums set forth by ADGA. The next generation earning a star would be a 3\*M.

**Performance Volumes** - numbered volumes prior to 2005 in consecutive year order. After 2005, date is used.

### Linear Appraisal Score (LA – prior to 1989 “CL” for the Classification system was used)

<u>Age(yr/mo)</u>	<u>Final Score</u>	<u>General Appearance</u>	<u>Dairy Strength</u>	<u>Body Capacity</u>	<u>Mammary</u>
5-04	91	V	E	E	E
(E) Excellent	(V) Very Good	(+) Good Plus	(G) Good	(F) Fair	(P) Poor

**D**(airy) **H**(erd) **I**(mprovement) **R**(egistry) – National milk and component recording program for use by CDCB, USDA, ADGA, and herdowners

<u>Age</u>	<u>Times Milking</u>	<u>Days in Milk</u>	<u>Milk lbs.</u>	<u>% Butterfat</u>	<u>lbs. F</u>	<u>% Protein</u>	<u>lbs. PRT</u>	<u>Verified or DCR</u>
5-00	2	259	2880	3.1	89	2.8	82	v or 93

\* by record indicates Top Ten, DCR number by record indicates Data Collection Rating (test day characteristics)

**CH**(ampion) – Show Wins

**GCH** – **G**(rand) **CH**(ampion) -

Show wins and a milk star earned from Advanced Registry or Star Volume minimums  
In top 15% of either 2:1 or 1:2 PTI for breed

**SG/CH** – Superior Genetics

**PTA** – Predicted Transmitting Ability – Computed by CDCB, incorporating data from production and type data of the doe, ancestors, collateral relatives and progeny. The first three numbers are the estimates of the pounds of milk to expect from each lactation of a parents' future daughter when compared to a herdmate of breed average genetic merit. The last is the PTA of change to the Type score. PTA expresses the level of genetic superiority that an animal transmits to its offspring for a given production or type trait. This value is used to rank animals based on their genetic merit.

137M(ilk) 2F(at) 4P(rotein) .90T(ype)

**DEV** - Standard Deviation that can be expected in pounds.

937 (Milk) -17 (Fat) 32 (Protein)

**PTA\$** **P**(redicted) **T**(ransmitting) **A**(bility) **\$**(dollars) is an economic index that combines relative values of milk and components. Estimates the extra income a dairyman would receive in each lactation based on values supplied by USDA for fat and protein differentials. The first number is fat; the second is protein.

Reliability measures confidence in the PTA Values – 99 is highest. 15 13 32**R**(eliability) in %  
An animal's reliability is based on the information available in the evaluation. The R in this area is for Type.

**ELITE** If this follows PTA\$, then the animal is in the top 15% of its breed for Milk Fat Protein Dollars (production).

**PTA%** **P**(redicted) **T**(ransmitting) **A**(bility) **%**(percentage). Milk fat (.07) and milk protein (.04). Dates are of last calculations; the first is production and the second is type. The R in this line is for Production.

44**R**(eliability) 6/99 .07 .04 1/01

**D/AV** **D**(aughter) **AV**(erages)

Milk	Fat	Protein	Final Score
2380	95	74	87

**PTI** **P**(roduction) **T**(ype) **I**(ndexes) – genetic indexes that combine production and type genetic evaluations into one score. First number emphasizes production over type and second emphasizes type. Zero would be no change.

133 (2:1) 134 (1:2)

**ETA** **E**(stimated) **T**(ransmitting) **A**(bility) – Estimate of a buck's future PTA's for production and type. Production is first; type is second. Zero is no change.

19 (Production) -29 (Type)



# The Youth Corner

## 2022 District Specialty Show Outstanding Youth Exhibitors (cont. from 3rd quarter newsletter)

District 8: REDGA - Junior Youth

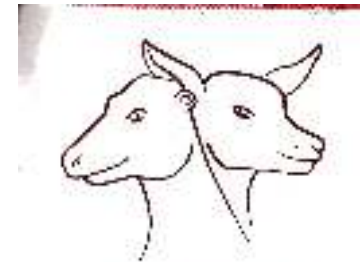
Amber Guisti



*I fell in love with dairy goats back in 2019. We boarded our horses while moving to Petaluma. At the boarding stable, there was a wether goat named Rory who roamed around the barnyard all day. When I first saw him, we became fast friends. Once we got moved, I joined 4-H to learn about how to care for and own dairy goats. While I was touring Redwood Hill Farm, I met a little white LaMancha doe. I immediately fell in love with her! We were talking to one of the farm workers, and she mentioned that the doe may be available. As it turned out, the person we were talking to was the barn manager's wife! Since I couldn't decide on one breed to start with, I ended up with three breeds: La Mancha, Nubian and Alpine. I guess I love them all. We ended up purchasing two does from Redwood Hill and two does from Kracker Ranch to start my own dairy goat herd. Vineyard View Touch the Sky is such a sweet doe, and I'm looking forward to what the future holds for my precious girl. I'm so grateful to Redwood Hill and Kracker Ranch for helping me along with my dairy goat adventure.*

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## *From the President....*

Hi everyone,

Well, for most of us, show season has ended and breeding season is winding down. I hope you have all had a very successful breeding season and have lots of ladies in waiting in your barns. Next newsletter will be early February and will include the All American winners.

We are currently offering a "Membership Special" for all of our new and renewing members. Anyone that renews/joins between 09/01/22 and 12/31/22 can renew for 2 years at \$25.00 AND we will include your farm business card for free in both the newsletter and on the website.

The Board of Directors has had several discussions on increasing membership and we hope the membership special will be an incentive to join our great club! We will also be highlighting one "member herd" each week on our Facebook page and picking one of those herds to highlight each quarter in the newsletter. All you need to do is breed LaManchas and be willing to submit a short bio and photos to be included. Please send all info to [lamanchabreeders@gmail.com](mailto:lamanchabreeders@gmail.com)

Included in this newsletter are paper forms to apply for a district specialty show and for the All American. Please use these forms for information only and apply for both online. Remember the deadline for All American entries is coming up very soon on December 10 and deadline for specialty shows is December 31.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact any of your officers or directors. Have a wonderful holiday season and let's look forward to an amazing 2023!

*Deb Macke*

*President*

## *Christmas Wonder*

*By Pixie Day, Sleighbell Farm, Washington, ME*

*The young father and husband had done his best. His beginning career would take him to the city where it would not be possible to keep the herd so lovingly and carefully selected. All but the bred yearling had been sold and the family sent on ahead. He was to dispose of her and join them on Christmas Eve.*

*Now time had run out and no one wanted the little brown doe with white markings and appealing eyes. With no other course open, the dealer had been called and was now in the snowy driveway. The driver, who had obviously been having a bit of Christmas cheer at each stop, fumbled with the rusty fastenings and lowered the tailgate. The trembling doe was shoved into the already crowded truck against the calves and sheep, the fastenings secured and the truck drove off into the gathering twilight, unmindful of the tears trickling down the face of the man who stood watching it out of sight.*

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Some distance down the road stood a cozy cottage. A curly headed toddler, too excited to sleep, edged carefully down the stairs, one step at a time, limp teddy bear under his arm and eyes wide with anticipation, while his parents were busy trimming the tree. Running quickly to the window beside the kitchen door, he pressed his face to the window, looking hopefully out into the darkness where a few light flakes of snow had begun to fall. It was at that moment that the truck which had passed minutes before hit a bump in the road and the tailgate, never too reliable at best, dropped suddenly and the little doe flew out of the opening and landed with a thump on her side in the slippery snow which covered the road. More frightened than ever, she pulled herself to her feet, looked about wildly and began to flee frantically back down the road.

Suddenly she spotted the light in the window, which to her meant warmth and food and love, and leapt through the deepening snow toward it. Ah, there on the door was a great fir wreath with a bright red bow. As she had often done at home, she trotted to the window from which the light streamed to see if anyone was coming out to tend the herd.

As the red-covered muggle appeared in the window and the face of the doe stood looking in, the toddler's eyes grew wide and the mouth formed a great "Oh!" The child and the doe stood nose to nose, eye to eye, and who was more started it would be hard to say. Then came a shout from the child, "Mama, Daddy, it's Rudolph! It's Rudolph!"

Started the doe turned and fled once more into the thickening snow, while the child ran excitedly to his parents. They scooped the boy up and ruffled his curls, laughing as they did so at his overactive imagination. But he kept insisting and pointing to the kitchen window, and to quiet him, still chuckling, they carried him to it, pulling back the curtains to better let the light shine out, and to show the boy there was really nothing there. The laughter stopped suddenly and there was indrawn breath as the deer-like hoof prints, now rapidly filling with snow, stood out sharply and disappeared into the circle of darkness. With a sense of wonder, they carried the sleepy toddler up to bed and tucked him in. Then, very thoughtfully, they returned to trimming the tree.

Terrified now, the little doe raced and slipped wildly down the road. That had not been home...where was home?? The fir morsels had done little to help her hunger and the wet snow was soaking through to her skin, adding to the misery.

Somewhere ahead was a farm belonging to an elderly couple. They were feeling sad on this eve of Christmas. Their cow had recently died and the old horse was disconsolate. The two had been companions in barn and pasture for many a year and the barn was now a lonely place. The horse had lost interest in food, and had stood head hanging, for the past two days. The country veterinarian had not been able to help, for the horse no longer cared, and that was the way of it.

Hoping to arouse the animal's interest with cut apples and love, the old man bundled up, picked up his lantern, and headed down the slippery path toward the barn. The horse heard the door open but did not bother to lift his head. The stall next to him was empty and his sorrow was great.

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The old man put his arm about the horse and proffered the cut-up apples. Politely, the horse mouthed them, and then let them fall into the hay-filled manger, hanging his head even lower. Tears slipped down the old man's furrowed cheeks as his mittened hands stroked the once sleek neck.

The little doe checked her wild flight as she suddenly saw through the thickening snow the light streaming from the open barn door. Timidly, she lifted on hoof and stood tasting the homey barn smell with lifted muzzle. One foot at a time she advanced toward the door and stood for a moment looking in at so much that was familiar.

Then, with a great rush, she was through the door and into the stall, pressing her wet, shivering body against the warmth of the old horse. Up came his head and with a loud whicker of welcome, he turned and drew her forward with his head. With a long sigh, she closed her eyes and leaned ever closer as the horse continued, with excitement and joy, to whicker softly. She had found a home.

Astonished, the old man stepped back and stared at the two. Then, turning, he raced to the house, calling to his wife as he went. Unnoticed, the lantern fell into the snow and went out as he stumbled up the steps and through the door.

His wife dropped the apples she was paring and helped him to a chair, her wonder equaling his as he breathlessly poured out the story. Over and over he must repeat it. How God had seen their sorry and the loneliness of the old horse at the death of their cow, and sent His miracle on the eve of the birthday of His dearly beloved Son. That it was obvious that the doe would soon kid and they would have milk once more, but most importantly, the old horse had found joy and decided to live for another springtime to come, and hopefully many, many more.

And so it was that because of the little brown doe a young child and his parents experience the wonder of Christmas; an old horse and a young doe found love and hope; an old man and his wife believed in a miracle; and the livestock dealer—he found his own type of Christmas happiness and was too befuddled to know or care by the time he unloaded that he had inadvertently





**NOTE: INFORMATION ONLY....PLEASE APPLY FOR 2023 SPECIALTY SHOWS ONLINE ONLY**



**American LaMancha Breeders Association  
2022 District Specialty Show Application  
Form**

Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City/State): \_\_\_\_\_

ADGA District: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

ADGA Sanctioned for:  Open Doe  Senior Doe  Junior Doe  Buck

Sr. Doe show Champion Challenge (BOB) offered:  Yes  No Buck Show Champion Challenge Offered:  Yes  No

Is your club applying for any other breed specialties:  Yes  No. If yes, how many breeds have you applied for? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this show held in conjunction with a fair:  Yes  No Is yes, list fair name: \_\_\_\_\_

Was this show held in 2022?  Yes  No **Number of youth exhibitors in 2022:** \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many LaManchas were exhibited?  
(1 ring only) totals

How many total animals were exhibited in the show?  
(1 ring only, all breeds)

ENTRIES	LAMANCHA BREED
	LaMancha Sr. Does
	LaMancha Jr. Does
	LaMancha Bucks

ENTRIES	ALL BREEDS
	ADGA Sr. Does
	ADGA jr. Does
	ADGA Bucks

What specialty groups are offered? You are required to offer at least one group class. We encourage you to offer more to highlight your LaMancha exhibitors.

Dairy Herd  Sr. Get of Sire  Best 3  Dam & Dtr  Produce  Jr. Get of Sire

Sire & Son  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Show Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Show Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, ONE person from the host group is to be selected as the Specialty Contact Person, responsible for fulfilling all of the Specialty Show requirements including furnishing bio and contact info for the Outstanding Youth exhibitors. Please list this person, address, phone # and email. This is the person whom we will communicate with and send all awards to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ADGA judge for specialty show: \_\_\_\_\_ (awards will not be sent until we have this name)

In signing this application to host an ALBA Specialty show, the applicant agrees to provide photographs of all 1<sup>st</sup> place winners, champions, reserve champions, BOB, best udder and both outstanding youth winners. Those pictures will be forwarded in electronic format (flash drive will be furnished by club with show awards). All photos must be submitted on the flash drive and results submitted via an online link. Envelope will be furnished for return of flash drive to Deb Macke, N3690 Elmwood Rd., Hawkins, WI 54530 within 30 days of date of show. The applicant also agrees that a Best Udder LaMancha will be chosen as well as both a Jr. & Sr. Outstanding LaMancha exhibitor. Applying club is responsible for flash drive and should it go missing, they are responsible for replacement of said drive. Clubs not following ALBA Specialty show rules and policies will not be eligible to apply for a specialty for a time span of 3 to 5 years.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Application fee: \$75 for a Sr/Jr show or \$100 for a Sr/Jr/Buck show if held on same day (weekend) Buck show only \$50. Application is available online at [www.lamanchas.org](http://www.lamanchas.org) and payment can be made through Paypal for 2022. Sponsoring clubs will be notified immediately after 1/1/23.

## ALBA Specialty Rules

1. The AMERICAN LAMANCHA BREEDERS ASSOCIATION authorizes one LaMancha Specialty show per year per ADGA district for a maximum total of 8 shows per year All applications must be electronically received by **December 31** of the current year to be considered. Hosting shows will be notified as soon as possible after 1/1. Shows applying must have a minimum of 3-5 LaMancha breeders that have shown in previous years.
2. The show must be an ADGA Sanctioned show and open to all members.
3. In order to host a specialty show results (**3 placings per class as well as champions**) and **pictures of all first place winners as well as all champions, reserves and best of breeds as well as best udder and outstanding youth winner and showmanship winners** must be sent to the Webmaster within **30 days of the show**. **Photos MUST be sent in ELECTRONIC format only. A flash drive will be provided with show awards and all results (photos and results) must be mailed to the chair on the drive and in the envelope provided.**
4. In accordance with our club goals of promoting youth, our club **REQUIRES** that a younger and older outstanding youth. If you do not feel you can fulfill these requirements, please don't apply for a specialty. Only shows that recognize youth participation and have returned their results at previous shows in a timely manner will be considered for a specialty.
5. The ALBA will furnish awards for all GCH and RGCH winners and Best of Breed in does and bucks. We will also furnish a Best Udder medal and an outstanding youth award as well as showmanship awards. Certificates for winners will be furnished if requested on your application.
6. If your show has split dates, (does on one date, bucks at a later time/location) it will be considered 2 separate shows. Please include both a regular fee and a buck show fee (\$125). If applying for a buck show only specialty, the fee is \$50. Fee for a regular show is \$100. (Sr/Jr/Buck) A Sr/Jr show is \$75.
7. Please include the name of your contracted judge prior to submitting your application. We will not award a specialty without that information.
8. Applications are accepted from October 1 to December 31. Please submit your application ONLINE at [www.lamanchas.org](http://www.lamanchas.org). There is a link on the home page and submit deposit by using the Paypal link.
9. These rules and application can be changed at any time at the discretion of the ALBA President, Board of Directors and Specialty Chair.
10. **Shows that have hosted may not host again for 2 years. Also shows that have not submitted full results in a timely manner, have not chosen both a jr and sr outstanding youth and/or have not returned both the memory key with results and any unused awards will NOT be considered for future shows for a minimum of 3-5 years.**

Questions?

Lorene Toth, ALBA Specialty Chair  
513 Buckley Hwy., Union, CT 06076 [vltoth@att.net](mailto:vltoth@att.net)



Information only....please apply online at [www.lamanchas.org](http://www.lamanchas.org)

American LaMancha Breeders Association  
All-American Award Nomination Rules  
(please submit all actual entries using online form for 2022)

Animal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
Tattoo: LT: \_\_\_\_\_ CT: \_\_\_\_\_ RT: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner at time of nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purebred/American Does:**

- Class 1: Junior Kids (Born April 2022 & after)
- Class 2: Intermediate Kids ( Born March 2022)
- Class 3: Senior Kids (Born Dec. 2021, Jan & Feb '22)
- Class 4: Junior Yearlings (born 5/1/21-11/30/21)
- Class 5: Senior Yearlings (12/1/20-04/30/21)
- Class 6: Yearling Milkers (12/1/20-11/30/21)
- Class 7: Two Year Olds (12/1/19-11/30/20)
- Class 8: Three Year Olds (12/1/18-11/30/19)
- Class 9: Four Year Olds (12/1/17-11/30/18)
- Class 10: Five & Six Years Old (11/30/15-11/30/17)
- Class 11: Seven & Over (Prior to 11/30/15)

**Bucks:**

- Class 12: Born March 2021 & after
- Class 13: Born 12/11/20-02/28/21
- Class 14: One year old
- Class 15: Two year old
- Class 16: Three & Four year olds
- Class 17: Five years & over

**Purebred/American Group Classes:**

**\*\*Group class photos MUST be taken as a group\*\***

- Class 18: Dairy herd (4 does in milk-1 photo)
- Class 19: Junior Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 jr does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 20: Senior Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 sr. does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 21: Dam & Daughter – 1 photo – please list names
- Class 22: Produce of Dam – please indicate dam (1 photo, 2 daughters – produce of one dam)

**Rec. Grade Does (must meet LaMancha breed standards)**

- Class 23: Junior Kids (Born April 2021 & after)
- Class 24: Intermediate Kids (Born March 2021)
- Class 25: Senior Kids (Born Dec. '20, Jan/Feb '21)
- Class 26: Junior Yearlings (born 5/1/20-11/30/20)
- Class 27: Dry Yearlings (born 12/1/19-11/30/20)
- Class 28: Yearling Milkers (12/1/19-11/30/20)
- Class 29: Two Year Olds (12/1/18-11/30/19)
- Class 30: Three Year Olds (12/1/17-11/30/18)
- Class 31: Four Year Olds (12/1/16-11/30/17)
- Class 32: Five & Six Years Old (11/30/15-11/30/17)
- Class 33: Seven & Over (Prior to 11/30/15)

**Rec. Grade Group Classes: All does must meet LaMancha Breed Standards and members of Get of Sire class must be sired by a Purebred or Experimental buck that meets LaMancha Breed standards. \*\*Group class photos MUST be taken as a group\*\***

- Class 34: Dairy herd (4 does in milk – 1 photo)
- Class 35: Jr. Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 Jr. RG does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 36: Sr. Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 Sr. RG does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 37: Dam & Daughter – 1 photo – please list names (Dam and Dtr must be RG)
- Class 38: Produce of Dam – 1 photo – 2 daughters produce of one dam – must be RG)

By submission of this entry, I, the undersigned owner of the above mentioned animal, do certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information given here is correct

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Online entries are available at [www.lamanchas.org](http://www.lamanchas.org) Questions? Please email [allamericanalba@gmail.com](mailto:allamericanalba@gmail.com)



## Instructions for Entry:

- 1) Please submit each entry in a separate online form. Please include the total amount of entries you are submitting on each entry form. Each entry should have two photos of the animal attached and the entry form (online ) Two photos (side and rear) are required for individual classes. One rear photo for group classes.
- 2) Photos should be submitted in .jpg format. Reduce photo size to it is no more than 1200 pixels in any direction. Please include animal's name in the file name.
- 3) You will receive an email confirmation of the number of entries received and the name of each animal entered within 72 hours of submission. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ALL AMERICAN ENTRIES BEFORE 11/01/21 AS THAT EMAIL IS NOT CHECKED REGULARLY UNTIL THAT TIME

### **THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE COMPLIED WITH IN ORDER FOR ENTRIES TO BE ACCEPTED**

1. To be eligible for nomination, all of the following must apply:
  - a) Recorded Grade animals MUST meet the ADGA breed standards for LaManchas
  - b) An ALC member must be the current owner of the animal being nominated. Nominations are open to all ALC members in good standing (2022 dues current). Non-members may join ALC concurrently, providing that the \$15.00 annual membership fee is also enclosed. All payments must be submitted by Paypal before entry will be accepted.. Membership must be paid by the time the entries are submitted.
  - c) Recorded Grade group classes ....all animals in group must be Rec. grades. Sire of animals in Jr. & Sr. Get class must be either Purebred LaMancha or Experimental LaMancha and must meet LaMancha breed standards.
2. Enclose \$3.00 for each entry (plus Paypal fees). Entries may be paid by submitting the correct fee via PayPal to [lamanchabreeders@gmail.com](mailto:lamanchabreeders@gmail.com). (Please use paypal link on home page of website.
3. Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by December 10 to be considered. This includes all payments as verified by Paypal account.
4. Two different views of the animal MUST be submitted - side and rear view. **Rear shots should show the entire animal, not just the udder.** The photographs must have been taken during the year for which the nomination is being made. N O T E : Photos sent in with **ANY identifying information will be returned.** Group class pictures must have been taken together. Group classes of Dairy Herd, Produce, Get of Sire and Dam & Daughter are rear shots ONLY.
5. **NOTE: The All American program will be ONLINE and DIGITAL ONLY.** Only digital photos will be accepted. Entries must be submitted online using the online entry form available on the home page of the ALBA website.
6. All photos become the property of ALBA archives.. Final entries need to be received December 10. Names of judges will be published after completion of competition. Because there is no way to know how many will enter, rather than deleting a class because of only one entry, we will post the number of entries in each class with the wins. A Reserve will be given in all classes unless there are only two animals and the 2nd place animal is not worthy. At least one judge would have to deem the animal unworthy at the time of judging.
7. Any Winning entry that has been found to be a misrepresentation of the actual animal will be officially removed from the list of winners and a correction will be published in the next issue of the LaMancha Club newsletter.
8. A Supreme Champion will be awarded to top doe and buck, unless there is a tie, in which case, no Supreme award will be granted unless approved by the ALBA BOD. A GCH entry will be awarded to two youth exhibitors in each youth category. One will be for GCH junior doe and one for GCH senior doe in each age category (total 4 youth recognized). Youth categories are younger youth of 14 and under and older youth 15 through their 21st birthday at time of show. There will be a GCH Senior & Junior Doe also chosen among open recorded grade entries.  
**Please send direct questions to All American chair at [allamericanalba@gmail.com](mailto:allamericanalba@gmail.com)**

**All American entries can be submitted online at [www.lamanchas.org](http://www.lamanchas.org)**

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Deadline for submission for next newsletter is:

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